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OECD PARIS FROM EC BRUSSELS DECEMBER 26TH

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH OIL PRODUCERS
GOVERNMENTS; SIMONET CONTEMPLATING TRAVEL TO MEDITERRANEAN

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7417

1. ON DECEMBER 26 WE CONTACTED MICHEL VANDEN ABEELE, DEPUTY CHEF
DE CABINET TO EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET, AND REMINDED HIM
OF SIMONET'S STATEMENT TO AMBASSADOR GREENWALD LAST WEEK THAT A
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COORDINATED APPROACH IS REQUIRED BETWEEN CONSUMER COUNTRIES RE-

GARDING THEIR RELATIONS WITH OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO A RUMOR THAT HAD COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SIMONET WAS PLANNING A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. VANDEN ABEELE REPLIED THAT, AT THE PRESENT TIME, SIMONET HAS DEFINITE PLANS ONLY FOR A VISIT TO ALGERIA SOMETIME IN JANUARY. HE IS "THINKING ABOUT" A TRIP TO OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO GO, WHO MIGHT ACCOMPANY HIM, OR WHEN THE TRIP MIGHT TAKE PLACE.

2. WE TOLD VAN DEN ABEELE THAT WE WOULD WISH TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM ON THIS SUBJECT, GIVEN THE PRESENT SENSITIVE SITUATION ON ENERGY AND GENERALLY REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST. HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED. GREENWALD UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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